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On the 26th January, at Mr. Gladstone, ALFRED  
JAMES EDWARDS, son of FREDERICK EDWARDS,  
LIVERPOOL, and MARY EDWARDS.

**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, February 26th, 1900.

CONSIDERABLE TO BE MUCH UNDESIRABLE AS IT  
has ever done. Though for the moment  
dormant, there is little doubt that the  
intense hatred of the Dowager Empress to-  
wards the unfortunate Emperor continues  
with unabated venom, and that she is  
silently waiting to deliver her final blow,  
which, if delayed, will come at the end with  
all the greater impact. Notably the young  
Emperor still sits on the dishevelled throne  
of his ancestors, but everything is being  
done to lower its prestige and to treat him  
as a mere intruder and usurper, while the  
Palace is filled with the most contemptible  
men, whose sole recommendation is sub-  
servience to her whim of the moment, what-  
ever it may be. And the Empress Dowager  
and her satellites are so little acquainted  
with the first principles of authority that  
they fail to perceive that the very steps they  
are taking, in the vain hope of relieving  
themselves from the pressure of an approach-  
ing civilisation, are, one and all, hastening  
the dissolution of the Empire. Outrages on  
subjects of powerful states, though at the  
time they may seem a glorious assertion  
of independence, and may for a  
while go unpunished are heaping up  
materials for a conflagration, which once  
started will be unextinguishable till the  
fabric of government is swept away. It was  
outrages of this sort which led to the first  
war of 1842, and the opening of the five  
ports. A renewal of these outrages led to  
the second and third wars, and the opening  
of the northern and Yangtze ports. The  
massacres in Szechuen and Fuhkien led to  
still further demands and the attempt to  
oust the Japanese from Korea. Only ended  
in the loss of Formosa and Shantung. Out-  
rages in Shantung led to the establishment  
of Germany in Shantung, and this to a  
military occupation by Russia of Manchuria  
and Liaoning, the session of "Weihsai" to  
England, and, as a consequence, of Kwang-  
chow to France. All these events have  
happened within the lifetime of the Empress  
Dowager, and might have been supposed  
enough to have taught her and her followers  
sufficient wisdom to have desisted from  
carrying on so losing a game. There  
seems, however, to attend the old age of na-  
tions, as of individuals, a period of delu-  
sion, when old habits become tyrants, and reason  
grows too feeble to arrest the inevitable  
decay. When China was young and vi-  
gorous her emperors and ships were to  
be found all over Asia; she carried  
her trade even as far as Zanzibar and  
the East Coast of Africa, and met  
on equal terms the Arab merchants,  
then the great traders of the world. She  
had then no pro nor anti-foreign party, and  
the wayfarer from abroad was hospitably  
received in her ports. While such is the  
aspect of China towards foreign nations, at  
home the present pretence of government is  
insidiously applying the foundations of law  
and order. Both in the north and in the  
south it has been unceasingly fanning the  
flame of dissension. The nob in China,  
like the nob in every country under the  
sun, care for nothing but plunder. It is  
a y against the foreigner.

As in other quarters to arouse its  
instincts against the Jews and the first taste  
of bloodshed the willing tool into a wild  
unholy beast. In the metropolitan  
provinces itself men like Jung and Kang  
are not above in their wild and childish  
ignorance fomenting such troubles but it is  
in Shantung and Kwangtung that the effects  
of such teachings are most seriously felt.  
A ruler like Li Hung-chang may be  
expected to have learned the first prin-  
ciples of settled government, but affairs  
have proceeded so far that Kwangtung is  
in a blaze of rebellion, and authority is  
openly defied. It will need measures  
stronger than the old Viceroy has even in  
his life taken to restore his province to  
order. It is through Shantung, however,  
that the elements of disorder are most  
widely scattered. Twelve years ago Shan-  
tung was probably the most contented and  
best governed province of the eighteen.  
Life and property were secure, and the peo-  
ple contented. Now we find the entire pro-  
vince a hotbed of faction. The people are  
turned upon another, no man's life or  
property is safe from day to day, and  
government is openly defied. The result  
of all this is that one foreigner has been  
murdered, and the lives of a  
few more have been jeopardised. But, even  
from the point of view of the Empress  
Dowager and her supporters, this has been  
dearly purchased by the destruction of life  
and property amongst the people at large.  
The wolf once let loose has not confined his  
attention to the black sheep, but has carried  
slaughter through the flock and now openly  
threatens the shepherds with whose con-  
tinuance he gained entry into the fold. Such  
a state of affairs has ever ended in destruc-  
tion, and a government founded on rapine  
and plunder carries within itself the ele-  
ments of dissolution. This, there is no  
secret, is the real reason why governments  
like France and Russia, and the Empress  
Dowager, and without their support, it is  
no secret, the present monstrous fabric  
will fill from its own innate rottenness.  
Unfortunately China in her long political  
career has never evolved any self-acting  
check on misrule, and the sole remedy has  
ever been rebellion or conquest. The  
territories are not pleasant to contemplate, but  
the crimes of the present régime are rapidly  
making one or other inevitable.

M. Fabrice has been re-elected President  
of the French Senate.

On Friday afternoon a Chinese girl four  
years of age fell down stairs in a house in  
Nankai Lane and was killed on the spot.

The Hon. Robert Daly Ormsby has been  
elected to the office of Honorary Treasurer of  
the St. John's Cathedral Church Funds for 1900.

Mrs. Archibald Little will deliver a lecture  
at the Chinese Club on a quarter past five  
to-day, and Lady and Miss Blake have kindly  
consented to be present.

The Kagero, one of the heavily-built Japanese  
torpedo-boats, arrived at Singapore from Lon-  
don on the 14th inst. The Kagero is a vessel  
of 200 tons and carries a crew of 45 men. She  
was expected in port on the 14th inst.

It has been notified officially that His Royal  
Highness the Prince of Wales is expected to  
visit the Port of Victoria on the 10th inst. and  
the presence of the Prince of Wales and the  
courage of the Princess of Wales.

The recall of M. Dumer, the French Go-  
vernment of Indo-China, is stated to be  
imminent. What the *Carrière* says is that  
he is "fantastic administration" he has not given  
satisfaction at Paris, and his policy of bluff  
and of doctored budgets has aroused indig-  
nation among the French colonists.

M. Lockroy is vigorously denouncing a special  
committee of 200,000 on the French Navy  
and French Naval base. Half of the sum is  
to be devoted to new ships and half to the de-  
velopment of Bizerte, Dakar, Saigon, and the  
Malagasy ports. M. Lockroy's proposals  
have just been accepted by the French  
Government.

Mr. Gompertz had another pocket-picking  
episode on Sunday morning. The prisoner,  
whose name was Sam Kuo, was long-  
ing about Praya Central when he came across  
a group of people. Going behind a man  
he put his hand into his pocket. A district  
watchman who was standing some distance  
away saw him do this. The man also felt  
him and grabbed his hand as he was with-  
drawing it with some money. The prisoner  
was taken into custody. He was sentenced to  
three months hard labour.

A telegram from Colonel N. H. dated Jan.  
24th, says: "Mrs. Conger, wife of the United  
States Consul at Canton, is returning to China,  
having been visiting in the west. During a  
call here upon Mrs. Eddy she related that the  
Empress Dowager recently held a reception at  
which the wives of all the foreign ministers were  
bidden. As a mark of special courtesy to the  
United States the Empress Dowager drank tea  
from the same 'love cup' with Mrs. Conger,  
and at the banquet, said, through her interpreter,  
to the ladies present, 'All our family'."

Lieutenant-Colonel Powell, of the 1st Gurkha  
Rifles, who, recently going home on leave,  
decided to travel across the Hindu Kush and the  
Himalayas to England, instead of  
by the ordinary route. He speaks in terms  
of the highest praise of the hospitality and cordi-  
ality he received at the hands of the Russian  
officers throughout the journey. Speaking  
of Russia work in Central Asia, Colonel Powell  
stated that the Russians had a very great  
advantage in Central Asia, which they were  
developing and the Trans-Caspian Railway was  
to a very large extent becoming a commercial  
conduit.

The following are the published returns of  
the average amount of bank notes in circulation  
and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during  
the month ended 31st January, 1900, as certified  
by the managers of the respective Banks:

**AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK.**  
Chartered Bank of India,  
Australasia and China, \$3,051,835 \$1,500,000  
Bank of China, \$4,858,757 500,000  
National Bank of China,  
Limited, 447,000 100,000  
Total, \$12,015,092 \$6,600,000

Mr. Robert M. McWade, who is to be consul  
for the United States at Canton, to succeed Dr.  
Edward Bodley, is a resident of Philadelphia and  
a member of the Manufacturers' Club. He is a  
well-known newspaper man, having been con-  
nected with the  *Ledger*.

Dr. Beddoe himself, it may be noted, has  
received the following letter from Secretary  
Hay—  
Washington, January 16th, 1900.  
Dear Mr. Watson:  
By direction of the President I acknow-  
ledge the receipt of your letter of December  
18th, 1899, tendering your resignation as consul  
at Canton, China, to take effect at the President's pleasure.

In accepting your resignation I beg to  
express my personal regret at the departure of  
an official whose services to the department  
of State have been of great value and in-  
spiration, and for your future success and hap-  
piness. I am, sir, your obedient servant.

JOHN LAY.

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